AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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Title: Methods for Rendering Tables

REMARKS

This responds to the Advisory Action mailed on May 5, 2005.

Claims 1, 8, and 15 are amended; as a result, claims 1-20 are now pending in this application.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rao in view of Chatterjee. It is fundamental that in order to sustain an obviousness rejection that each and every step or element in the rejected claims must be taught or suggested in the proposed combination of references or single reference.

The Examiner asserts that the versioning of Chatterjee is similar to the synchronization marker of Applicant's invention. Applicant asserts that the amended claims now clearly distinguish Chatteriee, because each cell of a table represents a different aspect of the table. In Chatterjee this is obviously not the case, because records are associated and assigned based on versioning, such that a cell representing the same aspect of a table as another cell is processed solely based on its version number and one cell is selected over the other in response to that versioning number.

In other words, in Chatterjee multiple cells represent the same record or same aspect of a table, and the selection of the appropriate cell to use is based on a version number. Applicant's invention includes cells where each cell is a different aspect or portion of the table; two cells are not redundant portions of the table in Applicant's invention as they are in Chatterjee. Chatterjee is directed to versioning and this implies that multiple records exist for a same aspect of the table in Chatterjee. Conversely, Applicant's invention is directed to rendering efficiency of a table irrespective of versioning.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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